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Old St. Peter's Church Rectory & Parish House
Ellicott City
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**CIRCA 1880** 

Old St. Peter's Church Rectory faces south at the east end of St. Paul's Place, southeast of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

It is a Victorian frame cottage, reminiscent of the Italianate with its vertical siding, constructed in an "L" plan, composed of a three bay wide, one bay deep, one-and-a-half story high, high pitched gable roof (running east-west) frame (covered with vertical barn siding, with beveled edges) east wing, resting on a granite block foundation, connecting to the center of the east wall of a three bay wide, one bay deep, one-and-a-half story high, intersecting, high pitched, gable roof (running north-south) frame (covered with vertical barn siding with beveled edges) west wing, resting on a granite block foundation. A one-and-a-half story high, shed roofed extension runs along the north wall of the east wing, lying flush with the north wall of the west wing.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned and proportionally scaled. Almost all of the windows are rectangular and double-hung, with sashes holding two-over-two lights. Beveled pilasters flank these windows, which are underlined by projecting wooden sills.

This building is notable historically as the Old Rectory for St. Peter's Episcopal Church, which during the middle of the nineteenth century, stood south of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church, before it burned to the ground and was relocated on the northeast corner of Main Street and Rogers Avenue.

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7 DESCRIPTION

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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It is a Victorian frame cottage, reminiscent of the Italianate with its vertical siding, constructed in an "L" plan, composed of a three bay wide, one bay deep, one-and-a-half story high, high pitched gable roof (running east-west) frame (covered with vertical barn siding, with beveled edges) eastwing, resting on a full, granite block foundation, connecting to the center of the east wall of a three bay wide, one bay deep, one-and-a-half story high, intersecting high pitched, gable roof (running north-south) frame (covered with vertical barn siding with beveled edges) west wing, resting on a granite block foundation.

### THE SOUTH ELEVATION

The south elevation of the west wing holds a hipped roof, central, bay window, holding three, rectangular, double-hung windows, with one-over-one lights. Windows are surmounted by flat wooden lintels, flanked by beveled pilasters and underlined by projecting, wooden sills.

A similar second floor window is centered into the eave line of the steeply pitched gable at this elevation.

The west bay of the south elevation of the east wing holds the main entrance, a rectangular, cross paneled entrance door, surmounted by a blocked in transom and flanked by beveled pilasters.

A rectangular, double-hung, first floor window, similar to those described, holding two-over-two lights, is placed in the east and central bays of this wall. This elevation also features two gabled roofs, dormer windows, holding roman arched, double-hung windows, with two-over-two lights.

A one story high, open porch runs along the entire south elevation of this east wing. It is held by wooden posts decorated with fan-like carved brackets with three cut outs.

### THE NORTH ELEVATION

The north elevation of the west wing holds a central, first and second floor window, similar to those described. Along the north elevation of the east wing runs a one-and-a-half story high, shed roofed extension lying flush with the north wall of the west wing. It holds a central, one-overone light, rectangular window, flanked by larger, rectangular, double-hung windows, holding six-over-six lights.

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A gabled roof dormer is placed on the west side of its roof. It holds a rectangular, double-hung six-over-six light window.

### THE EAST ELEVATION

The east elevation of the east wing holds a central rectangular, first and second floor window, similar to those described. A rectangular first floor kitchen entrance door was placed in the north extensions east wall, but now leads into an enclosed kitchen appendage, which originally was probably an open porch with a staircase down to the ground level.

The building is constructed into a steep slope of land on the west side at Maryland Avenue, so that the granite block foundation on the east elevation becomes a full story. It features a rectangular cellar door, surmounted by a flat stone lintel on the south and a partially double-hung window, surmounted by a flat stone lintel, holding six-over-six lights, on the north side.

Remnants of an old brick chimney stack rests on the north side of a new, square brick, exterior chimney, both of which rest between the east wing and its extension and the basement entrance and window.

A narrow poured-in place concrete stairway, composed of some forty-eight steps, flanked by an iron railing leads from Maryland Avenue up the steep bank to the old rectory. This stairway passes along the north wall of the old St. Peter's Frame Parish House, which presently also lies vacant.

### WEST ELEVATION

The west elevation holds three rectangular, first floor windows and two gabled roof end bay dormer windows, holding roman arched window, holding two-over-two lights. A central intersecting gable holds a second floor, rectangular entrance door with an iron staircase leading down to the ground level.

#### THE INTERIOR PLAN

The interior plan for the house has been altered by a previous owner to accommodate several apartments, on the first and second, as well as the ground floor.

Hardwood floors cover what once were random width floors. Woodwork around original door and window frames also remains intact.

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Old St. Peter's Rectory is notable historically to Howard County and the State of Maryland as one of two visual expressions of the Episcopal complex, which once occupied the south side of Bank Street at this location and significant architecturally as an outstanding example of a Victorian Frame Cottage.

A brief history of St. Peter's Episcopal Church reveals the fact that St. Peter's was once called "Grace Church of the Village of Ellicott Mills", incorporated on the 30th of May, 1843, under act of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1802, Chapter III, entitled an act to incorporate certain persons of every Christian Church or congregation in this State.

An old deed in which Allen Thomas conveyed a parcel of land to this church stated the following:

"Whereas Allen Thomas is desirous to endow the said vestry of Grace Church and their successors with the lot of ground hereinafter described for the purposes of erecting the said church thereon to be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God according to the manners and customs of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Maryland." (Howard County Land Records, Liber 4, Folio 373)

A sum of five (\$5.00) dollars was paid by the vestry and what was later known as St. Peter's Episcopal Church was constructed at this location. The Reverend Alfred Holmead, erstwhile Chaplain of the Patapsco Female Institute, was appointed first pastor of Grace, later known as St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He served from April 20, 1942 through 1947.

A panaramic view of Ellicott's Mills, Maryland, 1854, by John Schofield indicates St. Peter's Church in this location, southwest of the present old rectory. This church was later destroyed by fire and a new church constructed on the northeast corner of Roger's Avenue and Main Street.

On June 15, 1854, a Libertus VanBokkelen conveyed an additional tract of land to the Vestry of St. Peter's Church at Ellicott's Mills. The present rectory is believed to stand on this latter tract of land, although no reference as to the purpose of property was stated in the deed, so often customary in regard to church property.

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The old rectory does not appear to have been constructed until after 1860 for it is not noted on the Martinet Map of 1860. A building is, however, noted at this location on the Hopkin's Atlas of 1878.

Architecturally, the building is a Victorian gem, believed to have been originally constructed in a "T" plan, with one-story high, shed roofed, open porches along the north and south walls of the east wing. The north wall was enclosed to provide an additional service wing, covered by similar vertical siding, found on the rest of the building.

Any change which has occurred to the original building has not impaired its original integrity.

Its outstanding architectural features; the four gabled roof, south and west, dormer windows, the entire southwest corner of the building, its original frame siding, and the original pegged, mortise and tenon window sashes, remain intact.

The basic condition of the building appears to be excellent, constructed on a strong, granite block foundation, with no apparent damage to its supporting members.

The site of the Old St. Peters Rectory is also important, as it is located south of the Old Patapsco Bank Building (later serving as the St. Paul's School) north of the Old St. Peter's Parish House, and southeast of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church and Convent. The building, in conjunction with its neighbors, comprises an important nineteenth century, architectural complex, which is located in the Ellicott City National Register District, as well as in the local historic district of Ellicott City.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Howard County Land Records Interview with Mr. Ray Clark, of St. Paul's Church on April 8, 1980.

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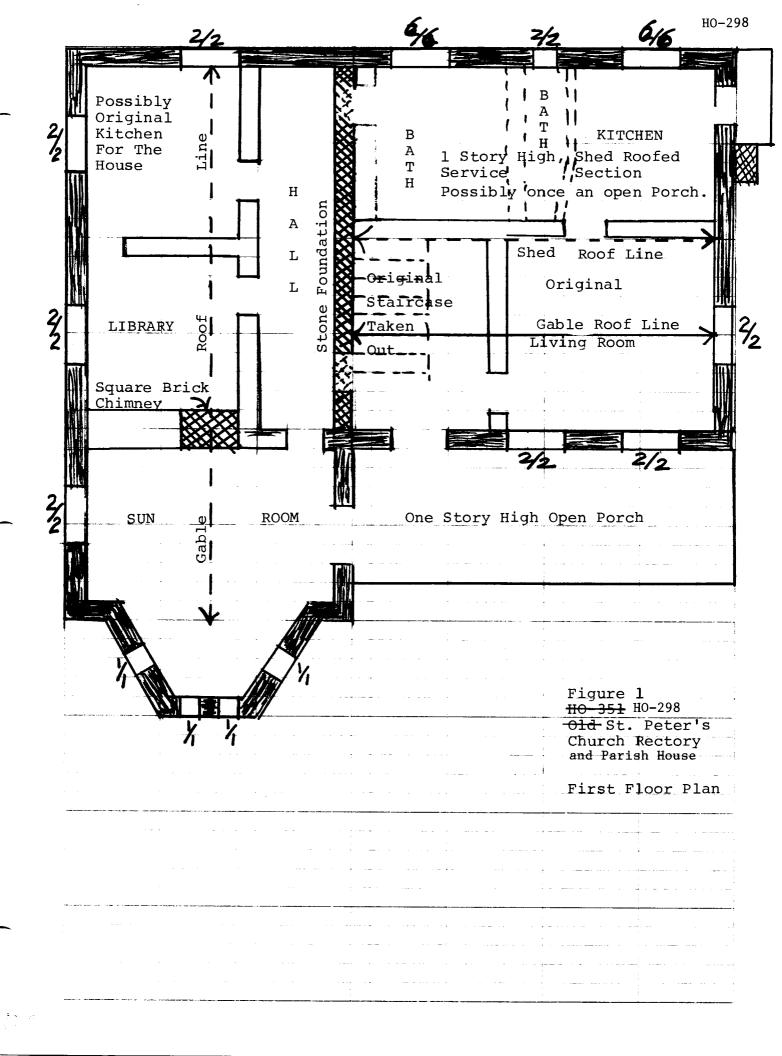
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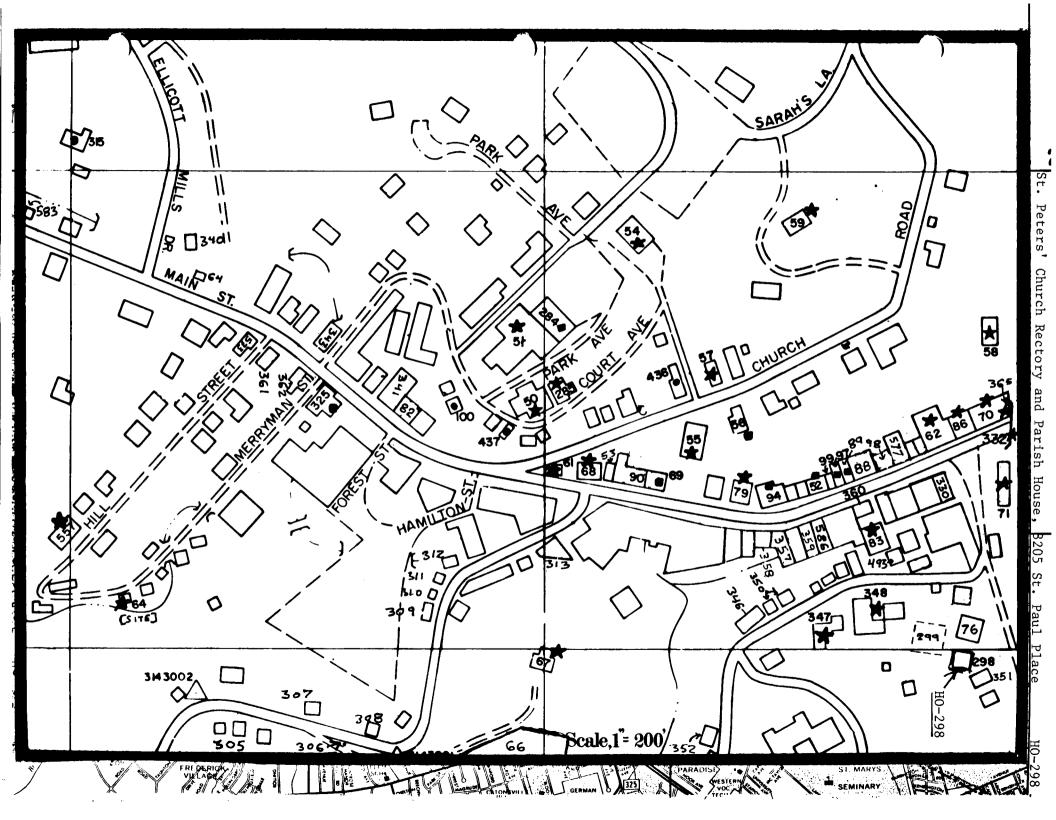
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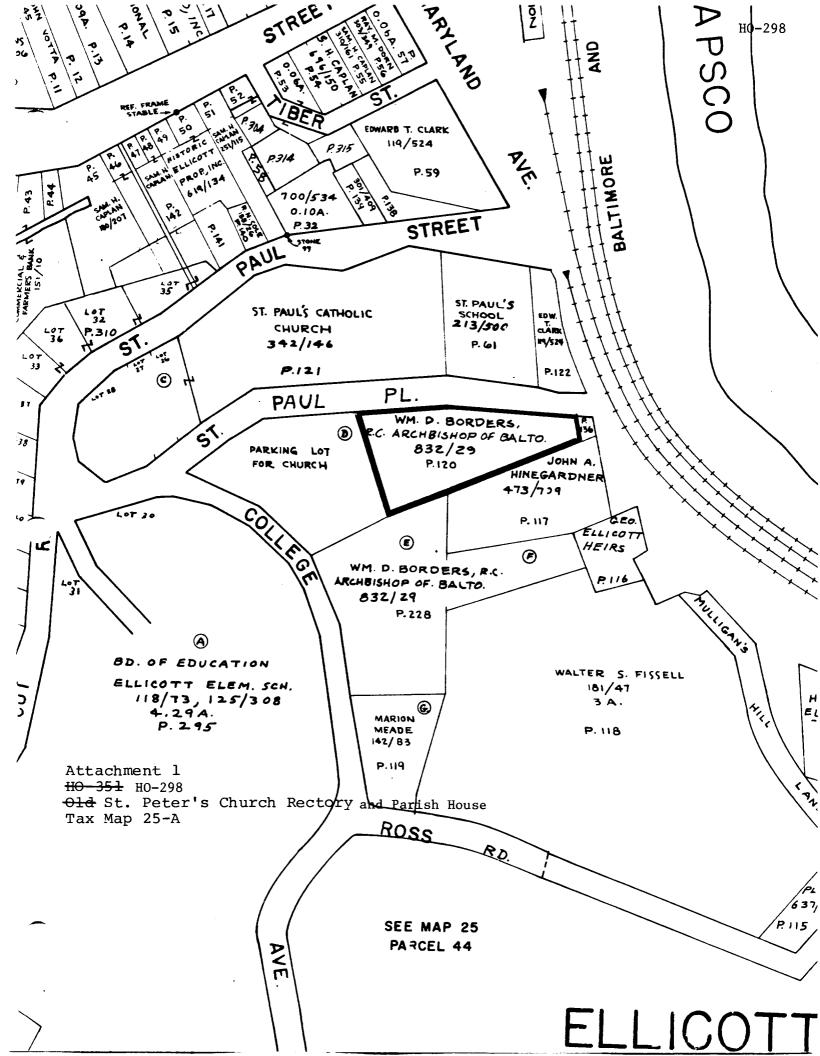
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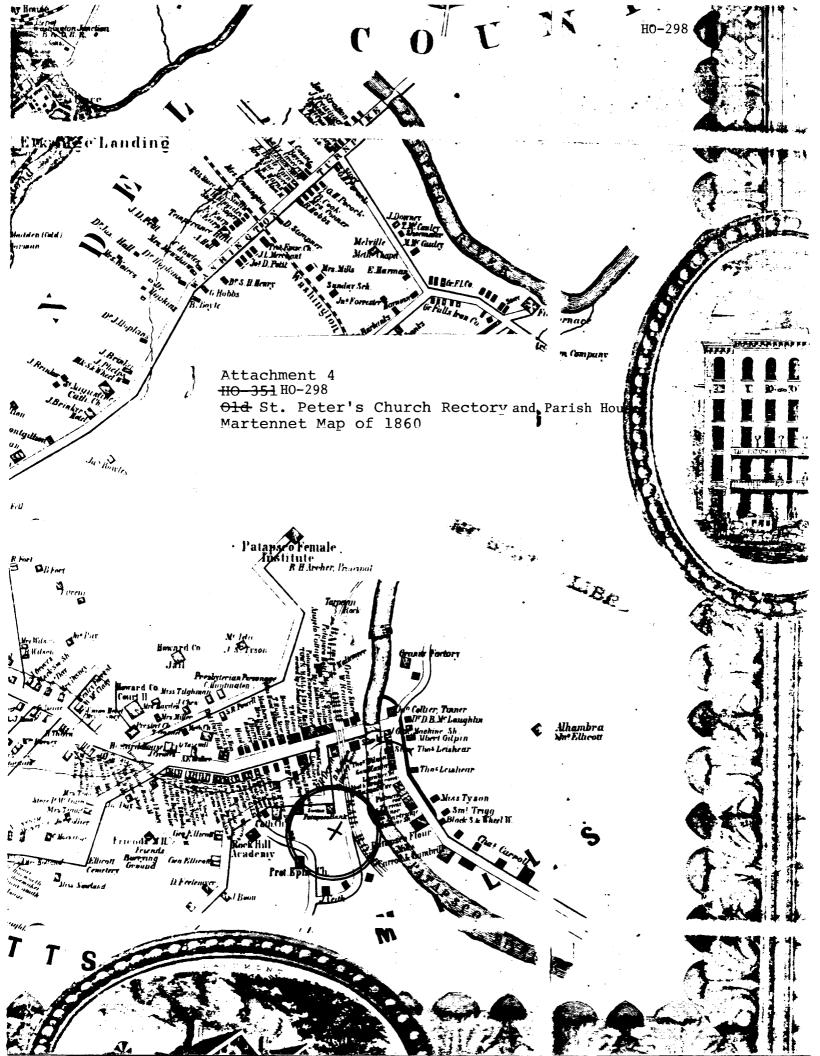
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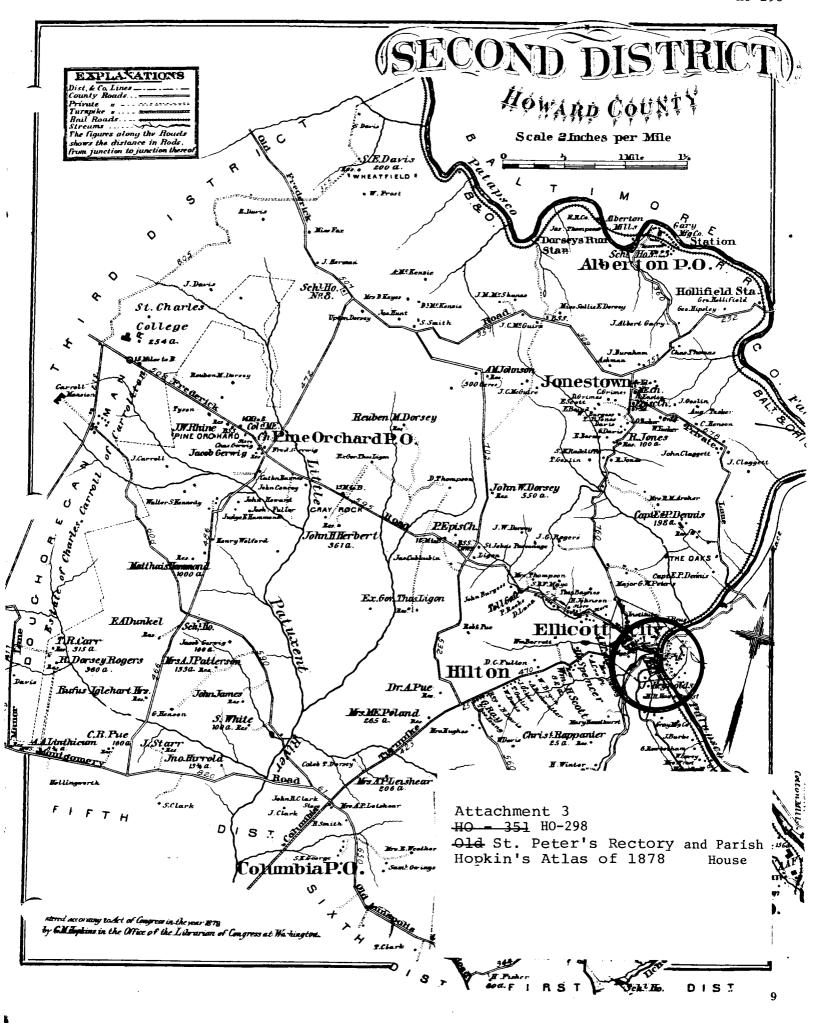
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6 Jan. 1943	177-24	Vestry of St. Peter's P.E. Church of Ellicott City	Samuel H. Caplan	Deed to Parcel One & Parcel Two
15 June1854	WHW15-334	Libertus VanBokkelen & Amelie VanBokkelen	Howard Swan, et al, constituting the Vestry of St. Peter's Church at Ellicott Mills	Deed to Parcel Two
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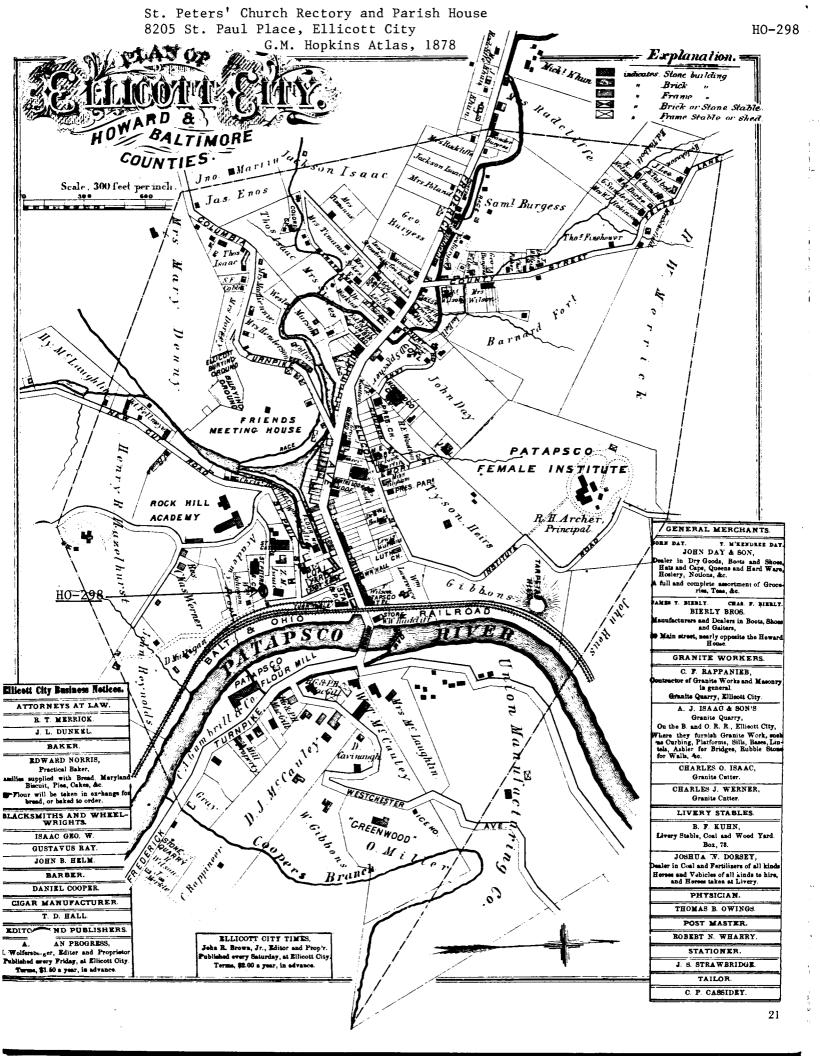


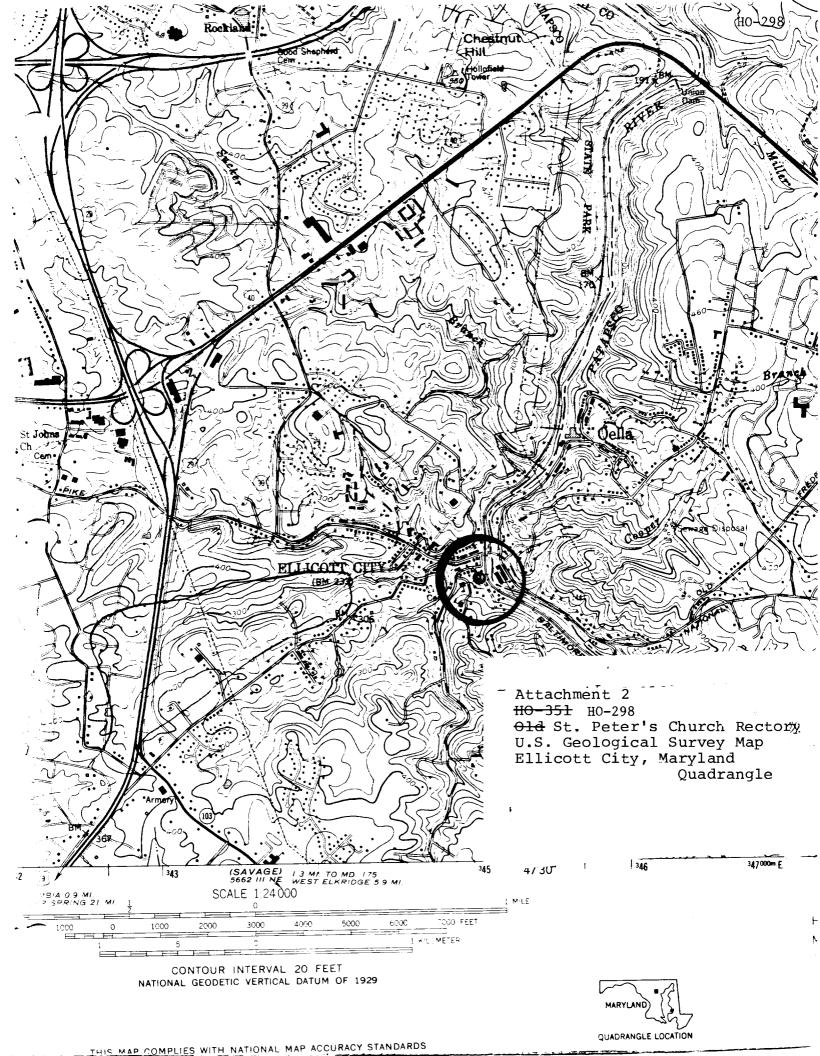


















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